

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on May 23, 2003, and the references cited therewith. Claims 1-28 are canceled, and claims 29-45 are added; as a result, claims 29-45 are now pending in this application.

Specification

The specification was objected to due to informalities. Applicant has amended the specification beginning on page 4, line 22 to address the Examiner's objection.

Claim Objections

Claims 3-11 and 22 are objected to due to informalities. Applicant has canceled claims 1-28 such that the Examiner's objections are now moot.

Examiner Interview

Applicant's attorney would like to thank Examiner Brophy for her courtesy during the telephone interview held on July 1, 2003. Examiner Brophy discussed the scope of the cited references with Applicant's attorney. Applicant's attorney and Examiner Brophy agreed that the amended claims overcome the references cited in the pending rejections.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 10-14, 19 and 22 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schubert et al. (U.S. 5,721,162). Applicant has canceled claims 1-28 such that the rejection is now moot.

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tilmans et al. (U.S. 6,297,072). Applicant has canceled claims 1-28 such that the Examiner's objections are now moot.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, Andrew Peret at (262) 646-7009, or the below signed attorney to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743

Respectfully submitted,

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